Allotment of quarters to CPWD Service Centre Employees in J and H Block Kali Bari Marg

1113. Shri SURAJ PRASAD : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of quarters allotted to C.P.W.D. service Centre employees in J and H Block, Kali Bari Marg, New Delhi ;

(b) Whether it is fact that some employees of J and H Block CPWD service Centre have occupied two quarters one in the service centre and the other in the J and H Block also ; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what action has been taken by Government to get the quarters in J and H Block vacated ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Fourteen Numbers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to part (b) above .

Schemes implemented under Central Assistance

1114. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) What are the schemes being implemented by the State Governments out of the grants under the Central assistance made available under the provision of Article 275 (1) of the Constitution ; and

(b) What is the total amount released by the Central Government during 1985-86 and whether this grant is 100 per cent Central assistance or is an addition to the state plan resources ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Specific schemes sanctioned for implementation by the States include schemes pertaining to Development of forest villages, Rehabilitation of shifting cultivators, Health of the tribals, Collection of Minor Forest produce, Strenghening of LAMPS, Development of vulnerable and sensitive area , setting up of Tribal Crafts-Training-cum-production Centres, Development of tribals suffering from special diseases, etc.

(b) Rs. 20 crores were released as Grant-in-aid under First proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution to the State Government by the central Government during the year 1985-86. The amount constitutes. Grant-in -aid to the state Revenues. it forms a part of block grants given to the States under the State Plans. These, therefore, do not constitute an additionality to the State Plan resources.

Policy Exploitation of Minerals

1115. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether any policy is being formulated for the speedy exploitation and utilization of minerals in the country including mining of minerals from the sea-bed ; and

(b) if so, what are the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA) (a) and (b) A National Mineral policy is being formulated. Optimal use of mineral resources with emphasis on conservation, beneficiation, research and development etc. are some of the aspects which sould be covered by the policy. The policy

does not specifically refer to mining of minerals from sea-bed.

Ground Water Resources

1116. SHRI KALPANATH RAI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any estimate was made of the ground water resources of the country;

(b) Whether the above potential has so far been exploited for irrigation, drinking water and other purposes; and

(c) if so, what plans have been formulated for further exploitation of the above resources ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The annual replenishable ground water resourses of the country have been assessed as 42 million hectare metres (mham). Of this about 10 mham had been exploited upto the end of VI Plan for irrigation, drinking water and other uses.

(c) The VIIth Plan envisages further aceleration in the survey and exploration activities relating to ground water to create additional irrigation potential of 7.1 m. ha. and for meeting the demand for water for drinking and industrial uses.

Transit Camps for Jhuggi dwellers

1117. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority propose to abandon its programme of transit camps for jhuggi dwellers ; and

(b) if not, the number of such camps built during the last one year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Pending Crop Insurance claims

1118. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of crop insurance claims are pending in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to clear the claims ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The total indemnity claims which were intimated to General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) amounted to Rs. 101 crore. Out of this, claims to the extent of Rs. 20 crore in respect of Gujarat were disallowed. Out of the balance claims of Rs. 81 crore, claims to the extent of Rs. 76 crore have already been settled. The balance Rs. 5 crore are likely to be settled soon.

दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों में स्टूडियो सुविधा

1119. **श्री मीर्जा इशदिबेग :** क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ऐसे कितने राज्य हैं जिनमें दूरदर्शन केन्द्रों में स्टूडियो की सुविधा